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SUBJECT: GOP DIPLOMATIC NOTE ON ICAO COUNCIL SEAT

1. ON AUGUST 30, EMBASSY RECEIVED FOLLOWING NOTE DATED AUGUST 11, 1977 FROM DFA:

BEGIN QUOTE: THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOR TO SOLICIT THE SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR THE PHILIPPINE CANDIDATURE TO FILL ONE OF THE THREE SEATS WHICH WILL BE ADDED TO THE COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION AFTER THE AMENDMENT INCREASING THE COUNCIL SEATS FROM 30 TO 33 SHALL HAVE BEEN RATIFIED BY THE REQUIRED NUMBER (80) OF STATES.

THE PHILIPPINES HAS NOT BEEN A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL SINCE 1968.

PHILIPPINE CIVIL AVIATION OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS HAS GROWN AND DEVELOPED TO A CONSIDERABLE DEGREE. INTERNATIONAL SCHEDULED FLIGHTS REQUENCIES AUTHORIZED TO OPERATE IN MANILA HAVE DOUBLED AND THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL FLAG CARRIER, PHILIPPINE AIRLINES, NOW SERVICES FIFTEEN UNCLASSIFIED

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MAJOR CITIES OF THE WORLD. THE PHILIPPINES HAS FIVE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS, THE MAIN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BEING THE MANILA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, WITH CEBU'S MACTAN AIRPORT, ZAMBOANGA, DAVAO AND LAOAG ALTERNATING AS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS.

IN THE FIELD OF FOREIGN CIVIL AVIATION RELATIONS, THE

PHILIPPINES HAS BILATERAL AIR AGREEMENTS, MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, AND AGREED CONSULTATION MINUTES WITH THIRTY-SIX COUNTRIES.

THE DEPARTMENT THEREFORE HOPES THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE ITS VALUED SUPPORT TO THE PHILIPPINE CANDIDATURE IN THE ICAO COUNCIL. END QUOTE.

2. EMBASSY HAS ACKNOWLEDGED NOTE AND INFORMED DFA THAT TEXT HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON. STULL

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